



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

April 24, 2008

H.R. 3522

**A bill to ratify a conveyance of a portion of the
Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County,
state of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation
between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County,
state of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent
for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary
of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 17, 2008

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3522 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. H.R. 3522 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 3522 would authorize a settlement between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, regarding a dispute over the ownership of a road on the tribe's reservation. The settlement agreement that would be ratified by the bill would remove approximately 70 acres of land within the reservation from trust and reservation status, which would allow that land to be conveyed to Rio Arriba County, provided that certain conditions are met. In exchange, the county would agree to abandon all other legal claims to the disputed road. Based on information provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, CBO expects that implementing this conveyance would have no significant impact on administrative costs to that agency.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Leigh Angres. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.